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Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-sixth session

Draft report

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I. Organization of the session

1. The Committee for Programme and Coordination held its organizational session (1st meeting) on 21 April 2016 and its substantive session from 31 May to 24 June 2016 at United Nations Headquarters. It held a total of 23 meetings and a number of informal and "informal informal" consultations.

A. Agenda

2. The agenda for the fifty-sixth session, adopted by the Committee at its 1st meeting, was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Programme questions:
   (a) Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2014-2015;
   (b) Programme planning:
      (i) Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017;
      (ii) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019;
   (c) Evaluation.
4. Coordination questions:
   (a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;

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(b) New Partnership for Africa's Development.

5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit.

6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session.

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-sixth session.

Selection of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

3. At the 1st meeting, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretariat (E/AC.51/2016/L.2), in which it was stated that, in accordance with paragraph 6 of its terms of reference contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the Committee had been invited to select the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Analysis of the evaluation function in the United Nations system" (A/70/686) and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/70/686/Add.1) for consideration at its fifty-sixth session.

Programme of work

4. At the same meeting, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the annotated provisional agenda (E/AC.51/2016/1) and the note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation (E/AC.51/2016/L.1/Rev.1) listing the documents for consideration by the Committee. As part of its general discussions on the programme of work of and agenda for its fifty-sixth session, the Committee, at both the organizational session and the first substantive meeting (2nd meeting), held an exchange of views on the timing of its sessions and the relationship to the work of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly.

5. At its 2nd meeting, on 31 May, the Committee approved its programme of work with the understanding that adjustments would be made by the Bureau, as necessary, during the course of the session to take into account the pace of discussions.

6. Following the 2nd meeting, informal briefings were held by the Secretary of the Committee, on organizational matters, by the Executive Officer of the Department of Management, on logistical matters, and by the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division, on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019.

B. Election of officers

7. At its 1st meeting, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Mohanad Ali Omran Al-Musawi (Iraq) as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the fifty-sixth session.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Aleg Yermalovich (Belarus) as Rapporteur of the Committee for the session.

9. At its 5th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Oumarou Kologo (Burkina Faso) as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the session.

10. At its 9th meeting, on 3 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Lorena Aymara Giménez Jiménez (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) as Chair of the Committee for the session.

11. At its 22nd meeting, on 20 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Alexandra Pimenta (Portugal) as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the session.

12. The members of the Bureau for the fifty-sixth session of the Committee are:

Chair:
Lorena Aymara **Giménez Jiménez** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

Vice-Chairs:
Mohanad Ali Omran **Al-Musawi** (Iraq)
Oumarou **Kologo** (Burkina Faso)
Alexandra **Pimenta** (Portugal)

Rapporteur:
Aleg **Yermalovich** (Belarus)

C. Attendance

13. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented on the Committee:

Argentina	Japan
Armenia	Morocco
Belarus	Namibia
Benin	Pakistan
Brazil	Peru
Burkina Faso	Portugal
Cameroon	Republic of Korea
China	Russian Federation
Cuba	Saudi Arabia
Equatorial Guinea	Ukraine
Ethiopia	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
France	United Republic of Tanzania
Haiti	United States of America
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Uruguay
Iraq	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Italy	Zimbabwe

14. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Algeria	Kenya
Botswana	Lebanon
Bulgaria	Nepal
Chile	Sri Lanka
Dominican Republic	Switzerland
El Salvador	Thailand
Indonesia	

15. The following organizations were represented as observers: the European Union and the United Nations Population Fund.

16. Also present at the session were the Chef de Cabinet; the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management; the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, Legal Counsel; the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; the Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa; the Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; the Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of the Intergovernmental Support and Strategic Partnerships Bureau of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe; the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees; the Under-Secretary-General for Management; the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services; the Assistant Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services; the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security; the Acting Secretary and Director of the secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination; and other senior officials of the Secretariat.

17. An inspector from the Joint Inspection Unit was also present.

18. The following reports were discussed by videoconference: report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations on the programme evaluation of UNEP; report of OIOS on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations on the programme evaluation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; report of the Secretary-General on consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017; and the following programmes of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019: programme 2, Political affairs; programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space; programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development; programme 10, Trade and development; programme 11, Environment; programme 12, Human settlements; programme 13, International drug

control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice; programme 15, Economic and social development in Africa; programme 16, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific; programme 17, Economic development in Europe; programme 18, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean; programme 19, Economic and social development in Western Asia; programme 20, Human rights; programme 21, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees; programme 25, Management and support services; and section B, Joint Inspection Unit, of programme 27, Jointly financed activities.

D. Documentation

19. The list of documents before the Committee at its fifty-sixth session is set out in the annex to the present report.

E. Adoption of the report of the Committee

20. At the 23rd meeting, on 24 June, the Chair of the Committee introduced the draft report of the Committee (E/AC.51/2016/L.4 and Add.1-37) and the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Committee (E/AC.51/2016/L.3).

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft report.

22. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft provisional agenda for its fifty-seventh session and decided that it would be updated in the light of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2016 session and by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session.

23. Before the closure of the session, statements were made by the representatives of France, Portugal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, China, Cuba, Japan, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United Kingdom, the United States and Morocco. The Chair made concluding remarks.

Annex

List of documents before the Committee at its fifty-sixth session

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019

A/71/6 (Part one)	Part one: plan outline (General Assembly resolutions 59/275, 61/235, 62/224, 63/247, 67/236 and 69/17)
A/71/6 (Prog. 1)	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management
A/71/6 (Prog. 2) and Corr.1	Political affairs
A/71/6 (Prog. 3) and Corr.1-3	Disarmament
A/71/6 (Prog. 4)	Peacekeeping operations
A/71/6 (Prog. 5)	Peaceful uses of outer space
A/71/6 (Prog. 6) and Corr.1 and 2	Legal affairs
A/71/6 (Prog. 7)	Economic and social affairs
A/71/6 (Prog. 8)	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States
A/71/6 (Prog. 9)	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development
A/71/6 (Prog. 10)	Trade and development
A/71/6 (Prog. 11)	Environment
A/71/6 (Prog. 12)	Human settlements
A/71/6 (Prog. 13) and Corr.1	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice
A/71/6 (Prog. 14)	Gender equality and empowerment of women
A/71/6 (Prog. 15)	Economic and social development in Africa
A/71/6 (Prog. 16)	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific
A/71/6 (Prog. 17)	Economic development in Europe
A/71/6 (Prog. 18)	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean
A/71/6 (Prog. 19)	Economic and social development in Western Asia
A/71/6 (Prog. 20)	Human rights
A/71/6 (Prog. 21)	International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees

A/71/6 (Prog. 22)	Palestine refugees
A/71/6 (Prog. 23)	Humanitarian assistance
A/71/6 (Prog. 24)	Public information
A/71/6 (Prog. 25)/Rev.1	Management and support services
A/71/6 (Prog. 26)	Internal oversight
A/71/6 (Prog. 27) and Corr.1	Jointly financed activities
A/71/6 (Prog. 28)	Safety and security
A/70/686	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Analysis of the evaluation function in the United Nations system"
A/70/686/Add.1	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Analysis of the evaluation function in the United Nations system"
A/71/75	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2014-2015
A/71/85	Report of the Secretary-General on consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017
E/2016/56	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2015 (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX))
E/AC.51/2016/1	Annotated provisional agenda
E/AC.51/2016/2	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-third session on the programme evaluation of the United Nations Environment Programme
E/AC.51/2016/3	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-third session on the programme evaluation of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
E/AC.51/2016/4	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-third session on the programme evaluation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

E/AC.51/2016/5	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (General Assembly resolution 59/275)
E/AC.51/2016/L.1/Rev.1	Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation
E/AC.51/2016/L.2	Note by the Secretariat on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit
E/AC.51/2016/L.3	Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-seventh session of the Committee (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))
E/AC.51/2016/L.4 and Add.1-37	Draft report of the Committee
E/AC.51/2016/CRP.1/Rev.1	Note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019: review of part two: biennial programme plan, by sectoral, functional and regional bodies